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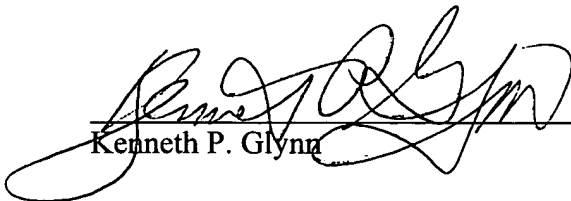
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 1, 2005 in the above case. The status of the claims is as follows:

<u>CLAIMS</u>	<u>STATUS-----</u>
1 through 20	Original claims, cancelled by previous Amendment.
21 through 40	Presented by previous Amendment, cancelled by this Amendment.

Please make the following amendments:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 23, delete the entire text of the Abstract from line 1 to line 23, and insert the following new text:

A welding torch includes a holdable torch gun having a first connection for hook up to a gas or water supply, and a second connection for hook up to a power supply. The gun has a discharge barrel with an outlet end, and a handle extending downwardly from the discharge barrel. The discharge barrel has a front facing in a same direction as the outlet end of the discharge barrel. The handle has a variable power trigger that is spring loaded and biased away from the handle. The trigger has an unsqueezed position with no current flow, a fully squeezed position with full current flow and a range of motion area between the unsqueezed position and the fully squeezed position with a range of current flow. The handle also has an amperage control mechanism located therein that is connected to the second connection.